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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 4, 2000

1. Call to order.

The joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:40 p.m. on December 4, 2000, at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue Twenty-Six, Los Angeles, CA, 90065.

2. Roll call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Jerome Daniel, Arthur Eck, Steven Treanor, Michael Berger, Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chair. The following members were absent: Ed Begley, Jr., Edward Albert, Lindsey Kozberg, Steve Horn, and Jeffrey Schwartz. Quorum present.

3. Roll call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Colleen Briner-Schmidt, Dave Brown, Lesley Devine, Terre Hirsch, John Karayan, Clare Marter Kenyon, Linda Palmer, Paul Rockenstein, Bruce Saito, Kenneth Warner, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Alan Kishbaugh, Chair. The following member arrived subsequent to roll call: Mark Johnson. The following members were absent: Kathy Caldwell, Thomas Hasse, Patrick Hunter, Charles McKenney, Fran Pavley, Anthony Portantino, Rick Putnam, Don Robinson, and Timothy Wendler. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, AICP, Executive Director; Belinda Faustinos, Chief Deputy Director; Rorie Skei, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Kathleen Bullard, Director of Los Angeles River Center, MRCA; Elsa Luna, Chief of Finance and Administration, MRCA; Katherine Chew, Staff Counsel, MRCA; Kimberly Yanoscik, Executive Secretary, MRCA; and Colby Allerton, Board Secretary, MRCA.

Representing the Office of Attorney General was Nedra Austin.

4. Reports

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chairperson.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Executive Director.

Comments were made by Mr. Brown and the Executive Director.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Walt Young, Chief Ranger of the MRCA.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Mr. Young and the Chair.

5. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Lynn Dwyer, representing North East Trees, on Conservancy and MRCA Los Angeles River projects.

Scott Wilson, representing North East Trees, on the relationship between North East Trees and the Conservancy.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

6. Presentation and discussion regarding Tujunga Wash Restoration project including design alternatives update.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Bullard, including an introduction of Oralia Michel.

Comments were made by Ms. Michel.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Michel.

7. Presentation and discussion of the Los Angeles River Integrated Vision for Environmental Restoration (L.A. R.I.V.E.R.) Program, and adoption of schedule for public participation and agency coordination prior to adoption of such program.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

A Powerpoint presentation was given by Ms. Faustinos on items 7 and 13.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair, Ms. Palmer, and Ms. Devine.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, Ms. Marter Kenyon, and the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Chair agreed to assemble a subcommittee to hold several public hearings on this matter.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Palmer, Ms. Devine, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos, the Chair, and Ms. Bullard.

8. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority co-apply with the Los Angeles and Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council for funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act for local watershed management plans.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item, verbally amending the amount of the grant in the staff report.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by Ms. Bullard.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-130.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-130.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

9. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a grant to Northeast Trees for the Arroyo Seco Confluence Park plan.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Ms. Palmer, Mr. Kishbaugh, Ms. Bullard, and Mr. Brown.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-131. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-131.

(The full text of these resolutions is attached.)

10. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority allocate funds, by grant or contract to conduct planning studies for Confluence Park and adjacent areas, including Chinatown Yard.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine and Ms. Marter Kenyon.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Devine, Ms. Marter Kenyon, Mr. Treanor, and Ms. Dwyer.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-132.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-132.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority become the local government sponsor for Northeast Trees for the proposed Los Angeles River Greenway - Taylor Yard to Sunnybrook Drive project.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-133. Ms. Marter Kenyon was recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-133.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Los Angeles County Proposition A, Los Angeles River projects in the fourth supervisorial district in cooperation with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine, Mr. Berger, and Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by Ms. Faustinos, Ms. Devine, the Chair, and the Executive Director.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-134.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-134.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

13. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and

Conservation Authority enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for preparation of a sign plan in cooperation with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Chair noted the revised resolution distributed at the meeting.

The Executive Director presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Palmer and the Executive Director.

Comments were made by the Chair, the Executive Director, Mr. Treanor, and Ms. Faustinos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-135.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-135.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

14. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire APN 5446-013-048 from Guadalupe Leon, 534 W. Avenue 26 and 2325 Huron, Los Angeles as an addition to the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Mr. Lange and Mr. Brown.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Brown.

15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority adopt the final cost allocation plan. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of

Resolution No. 00-136.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-136.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

16. Consideration of resolution authorizing mid-year amendments to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority FY 2000-01 budget including a cost of living salary adjustment for all employees. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange, Mr. Rockenstein, the Executive Director, and the Chair.

Comments were made by Mr. Berger, the Chair, the Executive Director, Ms. Devine, Ms. Faustinos, Mr. Rockenstein, and Ms. Devine.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Rockenstein, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-137.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Berger, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-137.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

17. Consideration of resolution authorizing, through grants to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, augmentation of tree planting and at-risk-youth employment programs at The Natural Park, Los Angeles by amending Proposition A tree planting project agreements at East Canyon, Mentryville and the Groves and recommending such grant agreements as may be necessary to carry out this action with Northeast Trees and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by the Chair and Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by Ms. Briner Schmidt, Ms. Marter Kenyon, the Executive Director, and Ms. Faustinos.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-138. Ms. Marter Kenyon and Mr. Saito were recorded as abstaining.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Treanor, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-138.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

18. Consideration of resolution adopting Mulwood Unit and Dry Creek project plan, City of Calabasas and unincorporated area.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Devine, Mr. Daniel, the Chair, Mr. Brown, Mr. Edelman, and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine regarding amending the classification of a property on the project plan.

Comments were made by Mr. Edelman, Ms. Devine, the Chair, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Kishbaugh.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-139.

Comments were made by Mr. Kishbaugh, including recommending a motion to rescind the previous Advisory Committee vote and vote again to include Ms. Devine's suggested amendment to the project plan.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer to include amendment to the project plan, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-139.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Eck, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-139.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

19. Consideration of resolution authorizing grants to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of APN 2080-014-005 within the Mulwood Unit project, City of Calabasas.

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded to staff by Ms. Devine, Mr. Kishbaugh, Ms. Palmer, and Mr. Berger.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Devine, Mr. Edelman, Mr. Harris, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Brown, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-140.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-140.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

20. Consideration of resolution adopting FY 1999-2000 Annual Report. [Coastal Zone Item]

The Executive Director presented the staff report on this item.

Comments were made by Ms. Devine, the Executive Director, and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Marter Kenyon, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 00-141.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 00-141.

(The full text of this resolution is attached.)

21. Minutes

No minutes were presented.

22. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Village Properties v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; Save Open Space v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (Real Parties in Interest); Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.; City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was heard (see minutes of special agenda meeting on this date for closed session regarding items on that agenda).

23. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.

Comments were made by Mr. Daniel regarding the Coal Canyon opening.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director regarding the Natural Park.

Comments were made by Mr. Eck regarding the release of the new Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area plan.

24. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on January 22nd, 2001, changing the meeting schedule back to the fourth Monday of every month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, AICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH CHEADLE
Chairperson